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## **Children's Memorial Day Becomes Law**

**Lansing** — Sen. Mike Goschka (R-Brant) today announced that the fourth Friday in April of each year is designated as Children's Memorial Day now that the governor has signed Senate Bill 224.

Sponsored by Sen. Goschka, Public Act 213 of 2003 memorializes all people who have lost their lives before reaching age 20. It was approved unanimously by the Senate and House.

"It is my high honor to do something so very meaningful in honoring the memories of all those individuals who have left their families, friends and communities so very early in life," Goschka said. "Whether the cause of death was because of a crime, suicide, an accident or disease, the families and loved ones who remain deserve to have one day a year in which they know that Michiganders everywhere remember with them. These young people did not die in vain."

Each day in America, many people under age 20 are victims of homicide and suicide, as well as fatal accidents and terminal illnesses.

PA 213 encourages individuals and educational institutions, as well as social, community, religious and business organizations to remember and honor the memory of those young people who died prematurely. The act does not call for any work stoppages, missed school days or a paid day off.

"Judging from the large response from families across Michigan, this legislation has truly done something to add dignity to the lives of young people," Goschka said.

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